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AMENDMENT "A" PRIOR TO ACTION

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INVENTION: "METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR ENCODING
AND DECODING A DIGITIZED IMAGE WITH
PICTURE ELEMENTS" (Title as amended)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Applicants herewith amend the above-referenced PCT application,
and request entry of the Amendment prior to examination on the United
States National Examination Phase.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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above line 3:

--TITLE

**METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR ENCODING AND DECODING A
DIGITIZED IMAGE WITH PICTURE ELEMENTS**

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention is directed to a method and an arrangement
for encoding and decoding a digitized image with picture elements.--;

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in line 4, cancel ~~“digitalized”~~ substitute --digitized-- therefor;

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in line 7, cancel ~~“[1]”~~ substitute --S. Hofmeir, “Multimedia fur

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